

2006 / Fiscal Year 2007 Priorities

2006 Legislative Priority

Prohibiting Abortion Providers from Teaching in Schools

Currently, some school districts around the state allow Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers to offer sex education in their schools. Governor Blunt believes that these providers should not be providing information to Missouri school children. The Governor proposes legislation:

- That will prohibit any public elementary or secondary institution from allowing abortion providers to present sex education programs to students.

2006 Legislative Priority

Conscience Protection for Pharmacists

Currently, Missouri law provides conscience protection for certain medical professionals with respect to abortions. Recently, pharmacies have taken action against pharmacists who refuse to fill prescriptions for RU-486 or the so-called morning after pill. The Governor proposes legislation that:

- Protects the conscience rights of pharmaceutical professionals. Pharmacies cannot require any employee to perform, assist, recommend, refer for, or participate in any service involving a particular drug or device they have a good faith belief is used for abortions.
- Protects pharmaceutical professionals from civil or criminal liability and from actions against their professional license if they invoke their conscience rights protections.
- Prohibits employers from refusing to hire, discriminating against, segregating, or terminating a pharmaceutical professional because of their opposition to any service involving a particular drug or device that they have a good faith belief is used for abortions.

2006 Legislative Priority

Tax Credits to Support Alternatives to Abortion

Governor Blunt supports programs that offer alternatives to abortion. Pregnancy resource centers and crisis pregnancy centers are non-residential facilities that provide assistance designed to support pregnant women, offer support, and encourage birth rather than abortion. To support the operation and establishment of these successful programs, the Governor proposes a tax credit for individuals and businesses that make donations to these centers. The Governor's proposal:

- Allows an income tax credit for 50 percent of the donations.
- Limits each credit to \$50,000 per individual or business.
- Limits the maximum amount of credits that can be issued in one year at \$2 million.

Representing Missourians' Values

“Missourians value and respect the sanctity of life, and it is our responsibility as public officials to uphold these important values by protecting innocent life.”
- Matt Blunt

2005 Successes

2005 Special Session Passing Meaningful Pro-Life Legislation

Governor Blunt shares a respect and a dedication to the sanctity of human life with a majority of Missourians. As the first pro-life Governor in over a decade, one of Governor Blunt's highest priorities was enacting meaningful legislation to protect innocent life and turn the tide in Missouri to build a culture that respects human life and values the health and welfare of young women. Legislation the Governor signed:

- Prohibits taking minors across state lines to obtain an abortion without the consent of a parent or guardian. Parents should be notified before an abortion is performed on their minor child, just as they would for any other major medical procedure.
- Requires physicians who perform or induce abortions to have clinical privileges at a hospital which offers obstetrical or gynecological care located within thirty miles of the location at which the abortion is performed or induced. This will help ensure that quality medical care is available should complications occur with the abortion procedure.